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SUBJECT:UNESCO MEETING ON DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND
RACIAL PREJUDICE, MARCH 13-20

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1. USDEL WILL RECALL INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL, PARA 9) TO
SUPPORT INFORMATION GROUP'S PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION OF PHRASE
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"RECALLING (OR REAFFIRMING) THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD
CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID..." FOR PRESENT
PREAMBULAR PHRASE, "REAFFIRMING ITS DESIRE TO PLAY A
VIGOROUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINA-
TION ...". OUR POSITION IS BASED ON OUR POLICY OF NON-
PARTICIPATION IN DECADE ACTIVITIES. (WE WOULD MUCH PREFER

"RECALLING" RATHER THAN "REAFFIRMING" THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR REASONS UNRELATED TO DECADE ISSUES.)

2. AS USDEL AWARE, CONGRESS HAS SUPPORTED THIS POLICY WITH SPECIFIC JOINT RESOLUTION THAT "CONGRESS STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY FORM OF PARTICIPATION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SO LONG AS THAT DECADE AND PROGRAM REMAIN DISTORTED BY (UNGA RES 3379)...".

3. WHILE DEPT. HAS NOT DECIDED POSITION IT WILL TAKE IF ORIGINAL PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE REMAINS, RETENTION COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON ULTIMATE U.S. POSITION ON DECLARATION. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL SHOULD CONTINUE MAKE STRONGEST EFFORT TO ACHIEVE DELETION OF ALL REFERENCES TO DECADE. IF THIS IS NOT ACHIEVABLE, USDEL MIGHT SUGGEST DELETION OF ALL REFERENCES FROM THE DECLARATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WHICH ADOPTS THE DECLARATION MIGHT INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE DECADE. THAT WOULD PERMIT THE USG TO JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE DECLARATION ITSELF, WHATEVER POSITION IT WERE TO TAKE ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ADOPTING IT.

4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING EFFECT THAT RETENTION OF ORIGINAL PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WOULD HAVE ON POSITION ISRAEL, DUTCH, AND OTHER EC-9 DELEGATIONS WOULD TAKE ON
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FINAL DOCUMENT. WE ALSO URGENTLY NEED MORE INFORMATION ON TERMS OF REFERENCE OF DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP (DNG) AND DEL'S VIEWS AS TO DNG'S POTENTIAL FOR ELIMINATING OR AT LEAST SUBSTANTIALLY AMELIORATING DECADE REFERENCE IN DRAFT DECLARATION.

5. DEPT. SENDING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ANY ATTEMPT TO REFER TO UNGA RES. 3379 IN SEPTEL. VANCE

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